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Saint Paul still counting . . .

Saint Paul and cities like it across the country are on a crusade to motivate and encourage their residents to participate in this year's census. In supporting the census, the city is taking part in the nationwide campaign, '90 Plus Five.

Through '90 Plus Five, Saint Paul is aggressively working to increase its initial mail response rates by at least five percentage points over the 1990 response rates. To reach the goal, an all-out effort is being made to promote the census throughout various communities. Starting a year ago, census workers began attending heritage festivals, pow-wows, and district council meetings to encourage participation. And even though Census Day, the first of April, has passed, Saint Paul is continuing to making strides to establish the relevance of the census. There is still time to be counted.

Saint Paul is breaking new ground with its Census 2000 "You Count" brochure. The pamphlets are being distributed to every household and further stress the importance, benefits, and security of completing the census. Recognizing the city's diversity, the brochure is designed to reach all citizens and expresses its message in several languages. It also provides information about the various Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) that are available throughout the community. The QACs offer services to help fill out forms or answer questions citizens might have about the census. The efforts have Washington, DC, taking notice. The brochure is being submitted to the US Commerce Department this month.

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Volunteer at Como Japanese Garden

Do you want to learn about the history, philosophy, and symbolism of Japanese Gardens? Would you like the regular benefits received from being in this tranquil garden once a week or every other week as it grows and changes with the season?

Registration is now open for volunteer interpretive guides in the Como Ordway Japanese Garden.

No prior knowledge about Japanese gardens is required as new volunteers attend a two-part training session scheduled for

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The year 2000 also marks the first to use the world wide web as a means to collect census data. Saint Paul is taking this opportunity to embrace technology. Any computer that browses the web will work perfectly well for completing census forms online.

For more information, contact Tom Marver 266-6610, or see www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/census.

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May 31st and June 3rd. The history of Como's garden, the Japanese culture, and interpretive techniques will be shared, and you will have an opportunity to meet and work with other interpretive guides.

The outdoor Como Ordway Japanese Garden will be open to visitors May through September from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Volunteers are recruited to work three-hour shifts in the garden during all open hours. Particularly needed are volunteers who are available Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, with time off for summer vacations. Volunteers will be asked to commit to at least a three-hour shift every other week for the season.

Call the Como volunteer office at 651-487-8252 and inquire about this opportunity. For a tour of the garden see www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/parks/garden.html

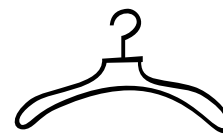
WICM to hold spring clothing drive Tuesday, April 25th

By Helga Kessler

For several years, Women in City Management (WICM) have held highly successful clothing drives on behalf of Martha's Closet, a program sponsored by Central Presbyterian Church. Martha's Closet assists women who are moving off welfare into the workplace. On behalf of WICM, thanks to all of you who have contributed in the past and helped to make this effort so worthwhile.

Building on the success of previous years, WICM will collect clothing and cash for this year's spring and summer needs on Tuesday the 25th of April.

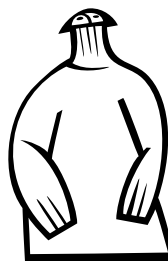
Donated clothing should be suitable for work and in season. It should also be clean and, if possible, delivered on hangers. Larger sizes are in greatest demand, but all sizes are welcome. Martha's Closet also needs cash to help buy accessories and other items needed to complete a wardrobe.



Clothes and cash may be dropped off at 150 City Hall Annex (the Housing Information Office conference room) at the following times: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Or, they may be taken directly to Central Presbyterian Church at 500 Cedar Street between 8:30 a.m. And 4:30 p.m.

Receipts for the donated clothing will be given at both locations; checks should be payable to "Central Presbyterian Church/Martha's Closet."

As previous participants will tell you, this is a great opportunity to clean out that closet and give your clothes a few more years of useful existence. Questions? Call Lisa Falk at 651-266-6117.



Saint Paul Students Read 744,077 Books

Saint Paul Public Schools students have read 744,077 books so far this school year. Last fall, Mayor Norm Coleman and Superintendent Patricia Harvey challenged students and all citizens to read at least 25 books as part of the high-profile Saint Paul Reads campaign. Thanks to the diligent work of its students and teachers, the school district is now almost three-fourths of the way to its goal of reading more than a million books this year. This impressive progress was announced at a Board of Education meeting in March. In addition, 20 elementary schools have met or exceeded their goals, as has one of the middle schools. Does the City of Saint Paul have any departments in which all employees have read 25 books yet? If your department or office is doing something creative to motivate employees to read, please notify Roger Grupp at roger.grupp@ci.stpaul.mn.us or 651-266-8700. If the students can do it, so can we!



How your web works Lots of web-savvy people have wondered what ever happened to www.stpaul.gov.

It went out of favor, to put it simply. The first part of our web pages' address, www, stayed. That's the name of the computer where most of Saint Paul's web page files reside.

So where did stpaul.gov go? Nowhere, to tell the truth. In fact, www.stpaul.gov will still get you to the City's pages. But we have chosen to use www.ci.stpaul.mn.us for two main reasons.

First, because it's the standard way cities name their web sites: www.ci.mankato.mn.us, www.ci.austin.tx.us, www.ci.seattle.wa.us. That makes it easy for users to find us without knowing our address.

Second, because use of the .gov "domain" is the exclusive right of our federal government. So that old address could be taken away from us if the government feels it needs to. Saint Paul picked its name back before the feds grabbed .gov. We're officially part of the .us domain.

By the way, www.ci.saint-paul.mn.us also works. We felt that because people were used to stpaul.gov, we should continue to use the abbreviation. Minneapolis also uses its common abbreviation in its www.ci.mpls.mn.us address.

Deferred comp explained at 50+ sessions

If you have any questions about deferred compensation, you can meet with NBI/Ochs Services representatives at City work sites over the next few weeks (see schedule below). Representatives can explain how to enroll in the deferred compensation plan or provide information on how to make changes to a current account. If you have questions about the schedule, contact David Westman, NBI/Ochs Services, at dwestman@nbiochs.com.

Date	Time	Dept/Div	Location	Date	Time	Dept/Div	Location
4/17	9:00 am	Libraries	Skyway Branch	5/4	3:00 pm	Public Wks	Traffic, Dale St
	11:00 am		Riverview	5/5	6:00 am		Sewer Mtce
	1:30 pm		Merriam Park		9:00 am		Equip Services
	3:30 pm		Highland Park		9:00 am		Dispatch
4/18	10:00 am		St. Anthony Pk		10:30 am	Police	Training
4/19	10:00 am		Rice Street	5/8			All Roll Calls
4/20	10:00 am		Hamline			Fire	All Sta, C Shift
	12:30 pm		Sun Ray	5/9			All Sta, A Shift
	2:00 pm		Hayden Hts	5/10			All Sta, B Shift
4/24	10:00 am		Arlington Hills			Police	All Roll Calls
	12:30 pm		Lexington	5/11	6:30 am		Comm & Recs
	2:00 pm		West 7th		2:30 pm		Comm & Recs
4/25	9 am-12 pm		Central Library		9 am-1 pm		Annex Lunch
	1:00 pm	Human Rts	900 CH Conf		8 am-12 pm	Fire	Admin Conf
5/1	7:30 am	Parks & Rec	1100 Hamline	5/12	9 am-11 am		1675 Engy Pk
	10:30 am-3 pm		300 CHA Conf		9 am-1 pm	Police	Annex Lunch
	11:00 am		Como Zoo	5/15	9 am-3 pm	PED	1100 CHA Conf
	1:00 pm		Como Golf	5/17	9 am-12 pm	Hum Res	400 CHA Conf
5/2	6:30 am	Water	289 Hamline		1:00 pm	RiverCentre	Office
	11 am - 3 pm		Commrc 4th Fl	5/18	9 am-11 am	Risk Mgmt	240 CH Conf
	11:00 am	Parks & Rec	Phalen Golf	5/19	9:00 am	TMS	290 CH Conf
5/3	9 am-2 pm	Mayor's Off	390 CH Conf	5/22	9 am-12 pm	City Atty	400 CHA Conf
	9 am-2 pm	City Council	310 CH Conf		2 pm-4 pm		400 CHA Conf
	3:00 pm	Public Wks	Street Mtce	5/23	9 am-12 pm	Citizen Svcs	190 CH Conf
5/4	8 am-11 am		700 CHA Conf		1:00 pm	Animal Ctrl	1285 Jessamn
	12 pm-2 pm		700 CHA Conf	5/24	7:30-11 am	LIEP	300 Lowry Conf
	9:00 am	Parks & Rec	Highland Golf	5/25	9 am-12 pm	FSO	190 CH Conf
					1:00 pm	Cable Com	68 CH Conf

2000 Festival of Nations is May 4-7 at RiverCentre

From origami to bocce ball, from Jamaican limbo to Croatian folk dance, the Festival of Nations brings the tastes, sights, and sounds of the world to Saint Paul's door.

Introduced in 1932, the Festival of Nations is Minnesota's largest multi-ethnic event, and the longest-running. The Festival showcases the history and traditions of nearly 100 ethnic groups. It perpetuates ethnic traditions and lower barriers to

understanding cultural differences.

This year's festival offers lots for every festival-goer —

Discover cultural traditions

Exhibitors from the more than 100 ethnic groups represented in Minnesota are gathering around the theme of "Celebrate the Seasons" in 2000 to share their rich history and traditions. Talk with, listen to, and learn from costumed representa-

tives who will share in-depth knowledge of their heritage. Be sure to visit the booths representing your ethnic group to learn more about your own history and traditions.

Special attractions

Visitors young and old are sure to delight in the special entertainment offerings on tap this year.

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They include a Hmong rap artist, a Jamaican limbo dancer, a Croatian band, and even a climbing wall. Guest artists present folk dance, music, and other creative presentations throughout the Festival.

Sample ethnic foods

The ethnic food cafes remain a strong feature of the Festival of Nations. Located in the Touchstone Energy® Center exhibition hall, menus from 45 cafes will tempt you to sample authentic, delectable foods from around the world.

Shop for international gifts

At the International Bazaar you can find unique, distinctive gifts from faraway lands; many are hand-made. Over 50 booths will display items including apparel, accessories, art, and souvenirs.

Enjoy dance performances

Hourly programs in the Roy Wilkins Auditorium will feature 70

adult and children's dance ensembles.

Between shows, the audience can dance to favorite ethnic tunes played by the Festival Orchestra.

See skilled artisans at work

More than 30 artisans will demonstrate unique skills passed down to them. Observe and talk with artists as they go about the art of making Dutch wooden shoes, Hungarian embroidery, Japanese Origami, Norwegian pottery, and Iranian woven rugs. Watch American Indian silversmithing and Cameroonian hair braiding the way it's done by native practitioners.

It all takes place in the exhibition halls at RiverCentre in downtown Saint Paul. Student days are May 4-5 for grades 6-12, but advance registration through schools is required. The event opens to the general public from 4 to 11 p.m. on Friday, May 5, and continues Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m.

to 10 p.m., and Sunday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Adults may register to win round-trip airfare tickets for two to Australia, courtesy of Campus Travel, or one of four \$250 food gift certificates from Byerly's.

For more info call 651-647-0191 or visit www.festivalofnations.com.

Metropass program

All City employees working in the 55101 or 55102 zip code area are eligible to participate in the new Metropass program.

Metropass provides unlimited bus transit for \$20 a month, eventually \$25 pre-tax. Once you enroll, this fee is paid through payroll deduction. Compare Metropass with a regular 31-day pass for \$76, or with Downtown parking rates from \$60 to \$190 a month!

For more info, contact Toni Sassor at 651-266-8828.

City job openings as of April 7th, 2000

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
04/12/00	Arts Development Manager	\$1649.31	TBN
04/24/00	City Planner II	\$1381.33	05/09/00
Open	Communications Technician	\$1365.82	Quals
Open	Communications Technician Trainee	\$1171.33	Quals
Open	**Food Service Assistant (part-time)	\$8.43 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Food Service Helper (part-time)	\$7.75 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Golf Ranger (part-time/seasonal)	\$6.17 per hr	Quals
Open	House Custodian I (part-time)	\$9.00 per hr	TBN
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1397.98	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1550.12	Quals
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst IV	\$1721.14	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1148.08	Quals
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1397.98	Quals
Open	Life Guard (temporary)	\$7.25 per hr	TBN
04/13/00	Meter Reader	\$1059.52	04/28/00
Open	Park Aide (part-time/seasonal)	\$7.06 per hr	Quals
04/18/00	Park Maintenance Supervisor II (prom)	\$2021.63	04/28/00
Open	Parks & Recreation Assistant (part-time/seasonal)	\$5.50 per hr	TBN
Open	Recreation Leader (part-time)	\$8.81 per hr	Quals
Open	Refectory Attendant (part-time/seasonal)	\$9.17 per hr	Quals
Open	Senior Pool Attendant (part-time/seasonal)	\$8.75 per hr	Quals
Open	Swimming Pool Supervisor (part-time/seasonal)	\$10.25 per hr	Quals
Open	Telecommunicator	\$1242.48	Quals
Open	Telecommunicator (part-time/temporary)	\$15.50 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Ticket Sellers - RiverCentre (part-time)	\$6.50 per hr (in training)	TBN
Open	Water Safety Instructor (temporary)	\$7.75 per hr	TBN

** This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501). For jobs announced after March 30th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.